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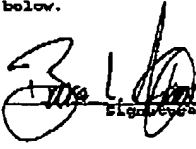
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U-shaped relay member having a first lug portion connected to the second end of the main wire and a second lug portion connected to the second end of the throttle wire and the second end of the brake wire, the first and second lug portions forming opposite and confronting leg portions of the U-shaped relay member.

2. - 4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) A bush cutting machine according to claim 1; further comprising a handle mounted on the operation rod, and an operating lever unit mounted on the handle and serving as a grip of the handle; wherein the link mechanism is disposed in the operating lever unit.

6. (previously presented) A bush cutting machine according to claim 5; wherein the link mechanism has a delay mechanism actuated by operation of the throttle lever such that the throttle valve opens with a time delay upon release of the brake unit from the braking condition.

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11. (previously presented) A bush cutting machine according to claim 1; wherein the relay member undergoes linear reciprocating movement in accordance with movement of the main wire, the throttle wire, and the brake wire.